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Dear Mr. Downey,

It is with deep regret that I learned of the death of your mother. Although words seem inadequate at this time, I do want to express to you my heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

I have been told that your mother's courage and perseverance during your many years of internment was an inspiration to all those with whom she was in contact. We are grateful that she had an opportunity to spend her last few years with you.

Please feel free to let me know if we may provide any assistance to you.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Mr. John T. Downey



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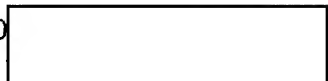
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The attached condolence letter is addressed to John T. Downey, a staff employee whose mother passed away on 4 April 1977.

This is not the usual circumstances under which a condolence letter would be prepared for your signature. It is believed, however, that in view of the 20 years of Mr. Downey's imprisonment in China and the close relationship that developed between the Agency and his mother, a letter of condolence would be appropriate.

[Redacted Signature]
F. W. M. Janney